

said part is an ice blade and said desired shape is flat.

13. (New) An ice skate, comprising:  
an elongated blade body having a main blade portion and an edge portion made from Type 60 Nitinol;  
said edge portion of said blade body having an ice-contacting bottom edge;  
said main blade portion having structure engaged in a blade holder that is fastened to a boot;  
said bottom edge having opposed corners that are sharpened to bite into ice to facilitate travel and maneuvering on said ice;  
said main blade portion having an impact strength of greater than 45 foot-pounds and a hardness greater than about 40 RC.
14. (New) An ice skate as defined in claim 13, wherein:  
said main blade portion has a tensile strength of greater than 130KSI and an elastic elongation of more than 3%.
15. (New) An ice blade as defined in claim 13, wherein:  
said blade body has a hardness between about 48RC and 55RC.

#### Argument

Reconsideration of this application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the restriction Requirement, Applicant has elected the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-4 and 8-12 for prosecution in this application. Applicant has also added new claims 13-15 for consideration by the Examiner.

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